

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses. For those currently amended claims, underlined emphasis indicates insertions and ~~strike through~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

1. (withdrawn) An agreement management system providing a management number for uniquely identifying each of a plurality of agreements, and managing the plurality of agreements, comprising:

a unit respectively stipulating a payer side and a payee side as a licensee (or a transferee, etc.) and a licensor (or a transferor, etc.) in case of an agreement which incurs payments mutually between agreement parties, regarding the plurality of agreements respectively as independent agreements, individually assigning management numbers to the agreements, and registering the agreements.

2. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 1, wherein

said unit regarding the plurality of agreements respectively as the independent agreements, individually assigning the management numbers, and registering the agreements regards the agreements to which the management numbers are individually assigned as one group, and executes a registration process by including information of the group in the management numbers.

3. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 1, wherein

said unit regarding the plurality of payments respectively as the independent agreements, individually assigning the management numbers, and registering the plurality of agreements adds an additional number (subnumber) to the management numbers, and executes a registration process.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~processing to process~~ data of a money amount, which is handled as balance data incurred by an agreement, is processed in a currency unit of a money amount of an income or an expenditure, adding an exchange rate, and registering the money amount.

6. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, wherein

said balance data registering unit has a function for registering data distributed to or shared by a third party other than agreement parties for data of an income or payment money amount.

7. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, comprising:

a relevant division registering unit ~~registering to register~~ data of an income or an expenditure stipulated by a consideration condition, which is one item of agreement information, as distribution information or sharing information among relevant divisions within a company.

8. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~extracting to extract~~ an income amount or an expenditure amount from the balance data relevant to the agreement, and respectively ~~aggregating to aggregate and outputting to output~~ an income amount and an expenditure amount

for a running royalty balance of one or more agreements selected with specification in a predetermined term.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (withdrawn) An agreement management system, comprising:
a database classifying information about an agreement into bibliographical data such as agreement conditions, etc., balance data, and electronic data such as image data and document data, and storing the data;

a server device writing/reading each item of the data to/from said database, and performing control such as form creation, etc.; and

one or more client devices, which are connected to said server device, making registration/modification, or search/inquiry of agreement information, wherein

said server device and said client devices are connected via a network.

12. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4)] 52, further comprising:

a notifying unit ~~notifying to notify~~ a user of every deadline ~~such as including at least~~ an agreement expiry date, an update deadline, an implementation report deadline, an installment payment due date, ~~etc.~~, at a predetermined time point.

13. (original) The agreement management system according to claim 12, wherein

said notifying unit makes a notification to a responsible division via e-mail.

14. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~registering~~ to register presence/absence and abortion/resume of an implementation report registered in accompaniment with a consideration condition, which is part of agreement information.

15. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~registering~~ to register at least agent information and its expense, ~~etc.~~, as one item of information about an agreement.

16. (cancelled)

17. (withdrawn) An agreement management system registering information about a plurality of agreements, and making a search or an inquiry for a predetermined agreement, comprising:

a unit registering data of presence/absence of a predetermined article included in a written agreement exchanged by concluding an agreement;

a unit registering a corresponding provision in the written agreement if the predetermined provision exists; and

a unit displaying the provision preregistered in the agreement data obtained as a search result.

18. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~searching~~ to search for corresponding agreement data by selecting a predetermined item from among data of various registered agreements, and ~~outputting~~ to output searched data.

19. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim 18, further comprising:

a unit ~~searching to search~~ for a data portion input as a document (text) in a traverse manner among agreement data and balance data.

20. (withdrawn) An agreement management system registering predetermined agreement data from information about an agreement to a database, and allowing the data to be searched and inquired, comprising:

a unit assigning a management number for uniquely identifying individual agreement data, and registering the agreement data to the database;

a unit assigning a plurality of management numbers to one agreement, and registering the agreement;

a management number specifying unit specifying a management number;
and

a unit searching for and outputting corresponding agreement data specified by said management number specifying unit, wherein

said management number specifying unit has a function for selecting some or all of a plurality of management numbers if the plurality of numbers are assigned to the one agreement, which is then registered.

21. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 20, wherein

said unit assigning a plurality of management numbers and registering the agreement has a unit adding an additional number (subnumber) to a management number, and registering the agreement.

22. (withdrawn) An agreement management system registering predetermined agreement data and balance data from information about an

agreement to a database, and allowing the data to be searched and inquired, comprising:

a searching/outputting unit searching for data of a corresponding agreement by selecting a predetermined item among registered data of individual agreements, and outputting a search result as an agreement list by displaying or printing the result.

23. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 22, wherein

said searching/outputting unit has a unit checking an access right of a user, and preventing the display or printing of some of the items of the agreement data from a displayed list of the agreement data which the user is not permitted to access.

24. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 22, wherein

a result obtained from said searching/outputting unit is displayed or printed in a predetermined format as an agreement original.

25. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 24, wherein

when the result is displayed or printed as the agreement original, a display enabling a selection of a range to be displayed or printed is made on a user terminal.

26. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 24, wherein

said searching/outputting unit has a unit checking an access right of a user, and excluding part or a whole of an agreement original of agreement data, which is not permitted to be accessed, from a range to be printed.

27. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

an adding/registering unit ~~adding to add~~ adding to add an additional number (version number) to a management number of agreement data if an additional arrangement by an addition or modification is made to agreement conditions, ~~etc.~~ of the registered agreement data, and ~~registering to register~~ registering to register the agreement data.

28. (original) The agreement management system according to claim 27, wherein

said adding/registering unit makes an addition/modification based on the agreement data, and records and manages information differing from original agreement data.

29. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a registration screen switching unit ~~registering to register~~ registering to register a plurality of items of data by switching a screen depending on an agreement target and an agreement condition.

30. (withdrawn) A database downloading processing device, comprising:

a unit separating each data registered to a database into a predetermined number of blocks, and assigning a corresponding item name to the each data in a predetermined arrangement; and

a unit outputting data corresponding to the item name in an order of the arrangement.

31. (withdrawn) A database downloading method downloading data registered to a database, comprising:

separating each piece of data into a predetermined number of blocks, assigning a corresponding item name to each piece of data in a predetermined arrangement, outputting the data, and continuously outputting the data corresponding to the item name in an order of the arrangement.

32. (withdrawn) The downloading method according to claim 31, wherein the data registered to the database is arranged and output as a matrix, item names of the data are first output as an arrangement of a predetermined number of rows, and each piece of data is arranged and output in accordance with the arrangement.

33. (withdrawn) An agreement management system, comprising:
for a process for an access right to access agreement information of the agreement management system,
an access right registering unit, and
an access right checking unit;
a selecting unit classifying a plurality of divisions into a plurality of division groups, and classifying agreement data and balance data of information about an agreement into predetermined group data, and permitting which division to access which group data; and
a selecting unit permitting an access to user data for each of the division groups, wherein
an access right is checked for each of the division groups and each of the agreement data groups.

34. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 33, wherein

if a division to which a user belongs is the same as a division managing an agreement, an access is allowed to be made to agreement data, etc., which are handled by the division managing the agreement, separately from the access right.

35. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 33, wherein

an access to balance data relevant to an agreement is permitted for a division having a right to manage the balance data of the agreement, separately from the access right.

36. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~extracting to extract~~ an agreement whose implementation report is to be made from individual registered agreements, and ~~displaying to display~~ the extracted agreement along with a report deadline.

37. (currently amended) The agreement management system according to claim [[4]] 52, further comprising:

a unit ~~displaying or printing to display or to print~~ a bill in a predetermined format based on data selected from among registered balance data.

38. (withdrawn) An agreement database, which is a database for recording/storing information about an agreement, comprising:

in correspondence with one management number,

a storage area for recording basic information of an agreement;

a storage area for recording an agreement target in correspondence with an agreement parties relationship; and

a storage area for recording a consideration condition.

39. (withdrawn) The database according to claim 38, further comprising:
a storage area for recording balance amounts such as a deposit, a running royalty, etc. along with calendar time information at which the balance data is incurred, in correspondence with the consideration condition of the management number.

40. (withdrawn) The database according to claim 38, further comprising:
a storage area for recording data for distributing or sharing part of an income or an expenditure to a third party other than agreement parties, when the income or the expenditure occurs with one agreement.

41. (withdrawn) The database according to claim 38, further comprising:
a storage area for recording information for distributing or sharing an income or an expenditure to a relevant division, when the income or the expenditure occurs with one agreement.

42. (withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute:
a unit assigning a management number to basic information, an agreement target, an agreement condition, other relevant information, etc., which are regarded as data registration units, among information about an agreement, and registering the information;
a unit registering royalty balance information for each management number;
a searching unit searching an agreement list or agreement information with a predetermined condition; and
a display controlling unit displaying a search result.

43. (withdrawn) A program for causing a computer to execute:
a unit assigning a management number to basic information, an agreement target, an agreement condition, other relevant information, etc., which are regarded as data registration units, among information about an agreement, and registering the information;

a unit registering royalty balance information for each management number;
a searching unit searching an agreement list or agreement information with a predetermined condition; and
a display controlling unit displaying a search result.

44. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 33, wherein
an access to balance data relevant to an agreement at the time of registration is permitted for a division having a right to register the balance data of the agreement, separately from an access right to use the system.

45. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 22, wherein
the agreement list display is made without being restricted by an access right.

46. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 22, wherein
agreement data is stored by being separated into common data and individual data in a predetermined format, and the common data and the individual data can be combined and output.

47. (withdrawn) A method, comprising:
registering at least basic information, an agreement target, and an agreement condition among information about an agreement;

registering a running royalty and balance information, which are relevant to the agreement;

performing an operation such as registration, modification, search, inquiry, display, or printing for data about an agreement recorded to an agreement database and a balance database.

48. (withdrawn) A program for causing a computer to execute a method, the method comprising:

registering at least basic information, an agreement target, and an agreement condition among information about an agreement;

registering a running royalty and balance information, which are relevant to the agreement; and

performing an operation such as registration, modification, search, inquiry, display, or printing for data about an agreement recorded to an agreement database and a balance database.

49. (withdrawn) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a method, the method comprising:

registering at least basic information, an agreement target, and an agreement condition among information about an agreement;

registering a running royalty and balance information, which are relevant to the agreement; and

performing an operation such as registration, modification, search, inquiry, display, or printing for data about an agreement recorded to an agreement database and a balance database.

50. (withdrawn) The downloading method according to claim 30, wherein

the database handles agreement data, stores common data and individual data in a predetermined format by separating the common data and the individual data, and combines and outputs the common data and the individual data.

51. (withdrawn) The agreement management system according to claim 25, wherein
said searching/outputting unit has a unit checking an access right of a user, and excluding part or a whole of an agreement original of agreement data, which is not permitted to be accessed, from a range to be printed.

52. (new) An agreement management system including a server device and a storage device, comprising:

the server device including:

an agreement data registering unit to register basic information including an identifier of an agreement, subject of the agreement and a price condition as agreement data;

a balance data registering unit to register a balance data corresponding to the agreement identified by the basic information;

an access right registering unit to register a right to access the agreement data or the balance data; and

an access right check unit, wherein

the agreement data registering unit stores the agreement data in the storage device,

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the access right registering unit registers, in a table of the storage device, an access allowance/denial of a user of respective department groups for group data obtained by grouping the agreement data and the balance data, and

the access right check unit checks the access allowance/denial of the user to the agreement data or the balance data using the table.